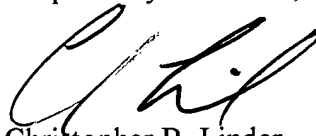


REMARKS

The Office Action indicates that Applicants are required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits. In response to the Examiner's election of species requirement, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the "Species" embodied in Species I: "a method of metallizing a nanostructure", without traverse, until such time that a generic claim is deemed allowable. In addition, Applicants note that Species I is embodied in claim 45. Claims 46-49 are dependent upon claim 45 and are also embodied in Species I. Furthermore, Applicants submit that claim 45 is generic.

Applicants respectfully submit that all objections and/or rejections have been accommodated and that the presently pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. B. Linder", is written over the printed name.

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